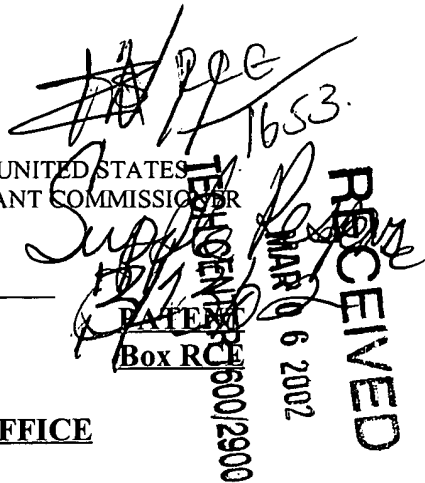


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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This Request for Reconsideration is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2001 (Paper No. 6), in response to which a Notice of Appeal was filed subsequently on August 27, 2001 (and received by the PTO on August 30, 2001). A Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including January 30, 2002, is enclosed herewith. This Request for Reconsideration is timely filed on January 30, 2002.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 22 are presently pending in this application. In Paper No. 6, the Examiner has maintained his rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § § 102(b) and/or 103(a). Each of these rejections is addressed in detail below.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) Based Upon Coleman.**

The Examiner has maintained his rejection of claims 1, 5, 6, 8, and 22 as anticipated based upon Coleman *et al.*, eds., *Skin Resurfacing* pp. 217-234 (1998) ("Coleman"). Similarly, the Examiner has rejected these same claims as being anticipated by Pollack, *Silicone, Fibrel, and Collagen Implantation for Facial Lines and Wrinkles*, J. Dermatol. Surg. Oncol., vol.